

## World Affairs

The Far East pot has come near boiling over the past week. The Japanese with the not altogether unique idea of making hay while the sun shines, made a backhand pass at Singapore it is reported. Uncle Sam, without beating around the bush, to'd the Nipponese to lay off, and the English, proper owners of the great base, made it unanimous.

The Japanese seem grieved that America be interested in the British Far East possessions but being faced with a fact and not a theory, they can do little about it for there is small doubt that if they go too far that the United States will go to war. The arming of the United States for any and all defensive exigencies has created a profound impression in the "bully" nation circles and in those that think they can conquer the fool democracies before they have time to become armed. However, the United States is more ready for a war today than it was yesterday, a fact that the Far Eastern power realizes. And with the United States armed and ready to fight there is no nation on earth, nor combination of nations, that stand a chance to conquer her. This world at large knows. Of a truth Japanese ambitions to be boss in the Far East have led her on dangerous waters, and in addition the British stand in the way. There is doubt Hitler can beat the English at all. True he can give them a run for their money and they will know they have been in a war, but that is far from conquering them.

Observers think that with the return of Spring war will be resumed on a vastly greater and more frightful scale than before. The English are ready and every foot of their coast line is watched day and night and any Hitler invasion needs must lack the advantage of surprise.

It is expected that in the Far East things will follow the plan of those in Europe. The Japanese will attack Singapore and Hongkong at the same time that the projected German invasion of England is begun.

It is known that the German victory over France has had a vast influence on the Japanese mind that was untempered by the fact it was accomplished almost entirely through the work of traitors. Or maybe the wily Jap thinks that bluff can get him along the road that he has elected to travel, a road likely as not with a wrecked Japanese empire at its end. The whole world knows Japan has little if any money, that the Chinese undeclared war has ate up all her reserves and that her war material replacement facilities are insufficient to maintain her present armies in full combat activities. The fire-walls of Tokyo and the activity at Yokohama are fire-side talk the world around alongside the Panama "barbers."

Yet the United States has no quarrel with Japan and has only the kindest feelings for the Land of the Rising Sun. But we have noticed that too many Japanese are engaged in spying, that there is something behind repeated Japanese protests about our Far Eastern policy and her wails of our imperialistic ambitions. Thus, we are not to be blamed for our course. Our president has said that no war is planned and that our military activity is purely defensive.

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## Pioneer Resident Passes

### LAZENBY RITES

Mrs. Sallie Lazenby, was born in Marion, Va., April 8, 1874. Her early life was spent around Marion Saltville and Chiehowie, Va. She was the daughter of Henry and Sarah Hayes who preceded her in death at an early age while she was yet young and courageous. She then moved to Coopers, W. Va. From there she came to Vivian and on to Kimball where she resided until her passing.

She was one of the pathfinders of this community in that she was a founder of this, the Lovely Zion Baptist church and was here under the leadership of its first pastor. She was ever mindful of her church and continuously supported it throughout her 46 years living in this community. When she was unable to be here, she always sent encouraging words along with her finance. At the time of death she was still trusting in Our Saviour. She departed this life Monday afternoon at the age of 67 years.

She leaves her immediately survivors: Walter Lazenby, husband; Mrs. Maggie M. Pugh, daughter; Mr. William Pugh, son-in-law; Jan Thomas, adopted daughter; Miss Jennie Hayes of Chilhowie, Va., sister; Earl Coleman, half brother; and other relatives and friends.

### New Book on Abolition Movement Answers "Gone With The Wind"

NEW YORK. — Henrietta Buckmaster's book "Let My People Go: the Story of the Underground Railway and the Abolition Movement," (Harpers, \$3.50) was described today by Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, as an answer to "Gone With The Wind" and the crinoline falseness of "Santa Fe Trail," and the "Birth of a Nation."

"I beseech every person who has wallowed in the lush sentimentality of 'Gone With The Wind,'" Mr. White said "to read Miss Buckmaster's superb book. They will find in it none of the crinoline falseness of Santa Fe Trail and the Birth of a Nation and films of that sort which have done so much to pervert the facts. Instead, Miss Buckmaster has dug out the truth and presented it in a fashion which makes as exciting reading as any book I have read in many a year. I beg all Americans who really want to know the truth to buy and read 'Let My People Go.'"

## 'Native Son' To Be Produced

NEW YORK.—Bigger Thomas that most talked about character in Richard Wright's internationally famous novel, will walk out on a Broadway stage for the first time in his life, when the NAACP sponsors the first preview performance of 'Native Son' at the St. James theatre, West 4th Street on the evening of March 13.

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Funeral services were held in Bottom Creek Lovely Zion Baptist church. Rev. Turner pastor officiated assisted by Rev. R. P. Johnson.

Close friends of Mrs. Pugh were flower bearers, namely Mrs. Willa Simpson, Excelsior; Mrs. Gertrude Wright, War; Mrs. M. T. Whittico, Keystone; Mrs. E. M. Craighead, Mrs. Sarah Page, Mrs. Mary Hairston and Mrs. Celia Mattox, Kimball.

Interment was in Oak Grove cemetery. Kimball Undertaking Company had charge of funeral.



ELLA FITZGERALD

### Ella Fitzgerald Clicks

NEW YORK. (TYP) — Ella Fitzgerald, America's first lady of swing, with her band is currently playing to SRO at the Paramount theatre here.

### DELEGATE JONES SEES REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL 5960 OF CARETTA

Four representatives from Local 5960 of Caretta called on Delegate Fleming A. Jones, Jr., early this week. They were in the capital in the interest of the Wage-Hour bill and Education. The union representatives who were calling on Delegate Jones were: McKinley Belcher, president of the local; Emmett Hartsock, A. W. Freeman and James Armstrong.

### W. Va. State's President and Faculty Members Speak At Ministerial Union Meet

Institute.—At the West Virginia Ministerial Union meeting in Charleston, President John W. Davis of West Virginia State college delivered a keynote address on 'The Negro and National Defense.' Dean Harrison H. Ferrell spoke on the educational aspects of the Negro and democracy. Professor Thomas E. Posey discussed the economic aspects of the problem, completing the cycle opened by Mr. E. L. Powell, president of the Joint board of education (Negro) and Mr. T. G. Nutter, who presented the press and political side respectively.

Dean Ferrell and Professor Posey are of the faculty of West Virginia State college.

Dean Ferrell was also the speaker at a special program given February 19, in Washington high school, at London, of which Leonard Barnett is principal. Dr. Ferrell spoke on matters of character development and life problems with emphasis on the place of Negro youth in national defense.

## Excelsior Club Meets

### Excelsior Homemakers Club Meets February 21st

EXCELSIOR.—The McDowell County Home Makers Bureau met here in its regular session at Rose Bud Baptist church with Mrs. Fannie E. Redd presiding.

The Bureau is made up of the county home demonstration clubs organized under the auspices of W. Va. State college Extension Service. The body was welcomed by Mrs. Laura B. Cooper of the Yukon-Excelsior club who cited the progress in home improvement and health being made by the members of such clubs. He deplored the fact that ten Negro draftees had been rejected out of forty called due to health reasons.

Response to this message was by Mrs. Mary Claytor.

A delicious chicken dinner was served by the Excelsior club.

Mrs. Tanner Levisay, Miss Pat. Graves, home demonstration agents and Mrs. S. J. Price club agen were also in attendance.

### FOUR SENATORS INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS ON DISCRIMINATION

Washington, D. C.—Declaring that the exclusion of Negroes from the national defense program, particularly in industrial plants which have been granted contracts for that program, robs the nation of the services of a tenth of its man power and thus constitutes a bottleneck of serious proportions, four members of the United States Senate introduced a resolution for a Senate investigation Feb. 19.

Material already gathered by the proponents of the inquiry reveal that many of the plants to which contracts have been awarded for a considerable percentage of the seventeen billion dollars already voted by the Congress, either refuse to give employment of any nature to Negroes or restrict them to cleaners and porters.

### JOE LOUIS IS BIG TAXPAYER

Joe is today the largest individual taxpayer in sports; and each fight pushes his income to the point of diminishing returns as far as his own spending money is concerned. Joe, it is reported, is the first heavy-weight champion who has been faced with the problem of arranging his work so as to earn as much for himself as he does for the man with whiskers.

The interesting thing about all this is that Louis rather likes the idea of fighting frequently and being able to return to Uncle Sam his tax on what the man with whiskers has permitted him to earn.

### Garnett Board Passes

As we go to press news reaches us of the death of Garnett Board, brother to Miss Lena Board of Northfork. Ganett had been a patient in the hospital at Lakin for several months.

## Jessie Owens Not To Be Reinstated

By Bob Green

### Special Interview for the Times

Columbus, O.—Jesse Owens who, five years ago stood in the clamor of world acclaim, sat just as proudly in his little family circle on Columbus' "Hill-top" the other afternoon and cheerfully gave out the report which was generally expected in sports circles, but not previously released for publication.

"No, I have no hope of being reinstated by the AAU. Recent contact with the officials has given me their answer which only need to be made formally," Jesse said.

"But I shall run again," continued the flash of the cinder paths.

This trend of conversation brought out the fact that Owens will not run the sprints even in exhibition meets planned for the next few months.

"I'm through with the dash unless there are a few fans who remember and request a short run as a speciality," the holder of three Olympic records went on.

Scheduled for Cleveland on March 16 Owens spikes will open a drive for new records in the quarter mile and the broad jump. Should this first test prove that he is still a master of speed, he will then go all the way out in his attempt to break under 46 seconds in the quarter and raise his broad jump figure to 27 feet.

No longer blinded by the lure of fleeting fame, the runner is now completing his work in industrial arts and physical education at Ohio State, where he got his early foot into the globular pie.

Supervising a NYA group in prefabricating housing and furniture tooling, Jesse is switching from the fleet foot to the nimble hands as a gainful career. This work will be in expected soon by his major professors for credit along with other studies and graduation will probably be cut down from December to the August term.

### ELKHORN LICKS GARY TO TUNE OF 48 - 30

A hoop-ringing Elkhorn five upset the cage bucket last week on their home court and took the previously unbeaten county champion Bulldogs into camp by a 48 to 30 count.

The famed passing attack of the Gary team seemed to have hit a slump and the somewhat small Elkhorn floor did not aid them appreciably. The Elkhorn boys played a superb game, taking the lead early they maintained, even increased it over the Bulldogs. E. Brown and Marshall starred for Elkhorn, with 18 and 16 points respectively, while for the Gary lads Shelton, a replacement who accounted for 10 of Gary's points.

Gary retains first place in the county by virtue of previous wins. Elkhorn's surprise win puts them in third place in the section while the Kimball Terrors are elated to position No. 1.

## County PTA Holds Meeting

COUNTY PTA HOLDS LARGEST MEETING OF YEAR LAST MONDAY

The largest attended and most enthusiastic meeting of the McDowell County PTA Council held this school year was the one held Monday night of this week in the American Legion building auditorium at Kimball.

Prior to the meeting of the council, a brief session of the executive committee was held in the reception room on the first floor. At this session, after hearing the report of the treasurer, Mr. McClanahan, and deciding to recommend that the council send a delegation to the state meeting at White Sulphur Springs in March, the committee listened to Assistant Superintendent J. B. Carroll's report on badges and belts which he had been authorized to order for the county schools.

Mr. Carroll stated that the belts had been ordered received and were now in the building and ready for distribution. Here the committee adjourned and moved up to the auditorium where the PTA Council opened its session with the President, Mrs. Rainey in the chair.

## Students Burn In Effigy

Fascism Stalks on West Coast As White Students Burn Six Negro Students In Effigy

LOS ANGELES, (C.N.A.) — Seeds of America's "strange fruit" were sown at the local Fremont high school here when a band of white students parodied Dixie's law of rope and faggott.

On the front lawn of the campus in the light of a big bonfire, Fremont's six Negro students were hung in effigy. Books of a Negro student were thrown high into a tree. A poster read: "This isn't a coon's day."

Fremont principal, J. P. Engles did nothing about it. Neither did the vice principal, "Doc." Skinner.

The story leaked out slowly. After one Negro student had been terrorized into leaving the school, Negro and white mothers and fathers of the neighborhood grew indignant and determined to take action themselves in lieu of "efforts" of the school administration.

### Atlanta Court To'd of Hot Iron Torture of Youth

Atlanta, Ga. (Scott for CNA)—Quinter South, 16, told a federal court here that W. F. Sutherland, white Atlanta police officer, burned his arm and chest with a hot metal instrument in the police station Feb. 23 1913, and made him "confess" to a burglary he did not commit. The trial of Sutherland which raises the whole issue of brutality by police against our people, is now going on.

Quinter South holding in his hand a five-inch piece of metal used as a photographer's drying tool, said the policeman heated the electric instrument for five or ten minutes and then applied it to his flesh seeking for a forced confession. He said he had been held in jail three days previously and that the officer had slapped him repeatedly.

### MRS. DOROTHY BEECHER BAKER SPEAKS AT WVSC

Institute.—One of the most inspiring of the many interesting speakers brought to the students and faculty of the West Virginia State college by the religious activities committee was Mrs. Dorothy Beecher Baker, who addressed the group last Sunday in Prillerman Hall foyer. Mrs. Baker, who is a descendant of Harriett Beecher Stowe and Henry Ward Beecher and a leader of the Bahai faith spoke on the advance position of rather application of the old tenants of Christianity as founded by the Persian seer and mystic Baha-ullah.

Mrs. Lillian Washington Jordan presided.

### W. Va. Women's Club Holds First Anniversary at State

Institute.—The West Virginia State College Women's club held its first anniversary ceremony on Sunday evening, Feb. 16, at 7:00 o'clock in the college auditorium. A program was given at this time, consisting of music by the college choir, directed by Miss Gladys Johnson and a discourse, delivered by Dr. Rose Butler Brown, who served on the faculty last semester as substitute professor. Dr. Brown's subject was "Whither Goest Thou?" Mrs. Gwendolyn Goldston, President of the club, presided and presented the speaker.